



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Addressees

RE: Pacific Alternators
5247 East Florence Avenue
Bell, California
EPA ID #: CAN000900126

Dear Addressees:

Enclosed is the Site Investigation Report for the Pacific Alternators site, which is officially located at 5247 East Florence Avenue, Bell, Los Angeles County, California. The Site Investigation was conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Section 104(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9604(a), commonly known as Superfund. The investigation took place in November 2015.

The purpose of the Site Investigation is to determine whether a site will qualify and benefit from inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) under Superfund.

Based on currently available information, which is contained in the enclosed Site Investigation Report, EPA has determined that the Site is not eligible for further Federal consideration for listing on the Superfund National Priorities List.

If you should have any questions or comments on this report, please contact Matt Mitguard, Site Assessment Manager, at (415) 972-3096.

Sincerely,

 K. Hoang
for M. Clements
9/29/17

Mindy Clements, Chief
Brownfields and Site Assessment Section

Enclosure:

ADDRESSEES:

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REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION – EPA Region 09

Site Name: PACIFIC ALTERNATORS

Alias(es):

City: BELL

County or Parish: LOS ANGELES

State: CA

Refer to Report Dated: 09/25/2017

EPA ID: CAN000900126

Report Developed By: Weston Solutions

State ID:

Report Type: Site Inspection #001

Decision Date: 09/26/2017

☒ **1. Further Remedial Site Assessment Under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:**

NFRAP-Site does not qualify for the NPL based on existing information

☐ **2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA.**

☐ **3. Remedial study/cleanup needed.**

Decision/Rationale:

The Pacific Alternators site is officially located at 5247 E. Florence Ave., Bell, Los Angeles County, California. Multiple additional addresses are associated with the site. The approximately 2.4 acre site is located in a mixed commercial and residential area. The eastern portion of the site is bordered to the north by a multi-family residential property.

Between approximately 1978 and 2005, historical operations at the eastern portion of the site included alternator repair services within the former Pacific Alternators facility. The facility was identified as having utilized solvents, including both tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE), for parts washing activities. Wastewater, which may have been contaminated with residual solvents, was stored on site in 55 gallon drums and generated a waste sludge. The parts washer was generally maintained and serviced by an outside supplier. The entirety of the site is owned by the City of Bell (City).

In approximately 2002, the City began plans to expand the former Pritchard Field into a new community sports complex. Over the next several years, the City went through multiple design phases and, in 2009, twice reduced the scale of the project. In July 2010, the public revelation regarding purported corruption within the City government caused the majority of City projects to be placed in abeyance, including the sports complex. The City has since conducted no known additional work on the project.

Prior to this Site Inspection (SI), no known soil vapor, soil matrix, or groundwater sampling has been conducted at the site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has had no known historical involvement with the site.

No state regulatory agency has had any known involvement with the site. Between 1984 and 2005, Los Angeles County conducted inspections of the Pacific Alternators facility; no significant violations were reported.

In February and March 2016, Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON), on behalf of EPA, conducted the SI at the site. During the SI, WESTON collected soil matrix source samples at depths up to 15 feet (ft) below ground surface (bgs) from five on-site borings and one off-site boring, collected groundwater release samples at depths up to 114 ft bgs from eight on-site borings and one off-site boring, and collected secondary objective groundwater samples from one on-site boring and five off-site borings.

On-site soil samples collected during the SI investigation exhibited concentrations of metals, specifically selenium, that exceeded the site-specific action levels. However, the exhibited concentrations only slightly exceeded action levels, were identified in only a limited number of the samples, and were all collected from near surface (i.e., 2 to 5 ft bgs)

Decision/Rationale (Continued):

depths. Elevated concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were not identified in the soil samples.

Groundwater release samples collected during the investigation exhibited elevated concentrations of arsenic with a maximum concentration of 29 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). The federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for arsenic is 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Elevated concentrations of VOCs were not identified in the groundwater samples.

The results of this SI did not identify any significant hazardous substance source areas at the site. Furthermore, the data suggest that it is unlikely that historical on-site operations have significantly impacted shallow groundwater beneath the site.

The Pacific Alternators site is not eligible for listing on the National Priorities List, therefore, unless new information becomes available, no further action by USEPA is warranted.

Site Decision Made By: M. Mitguard

Signature: _____



Decision Date: 09/26/2017